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## STARK STATEMENT ON JUSTICE O'CONNOR'S RETIREMENT

WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA, 13th) released the following statement regarding the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has been a strong and significant figure on the Court. Her replacement will have historic impact on the direction of this country. I urge the President and my colleagues in the Senate to take the time necessary to fully evaluate her replacement to ensure civil rights, privacy rights, reproductive rights, environmental protections, separation of church and state, and so much more continue to be maintained. I would like to thank Justice O'Connor for her exemplary service and wish her well in her retirement."